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The Honorable William P. Clark
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The White House
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Dear Bill:

The enclosed study (and recommendations) on Guidelines for the Maintenance of Counterintelligence Data Bases adds yet another positive dimension to our efforts against the hostile intelligence threat. It has my approval and endorsement and is forwarded to you for NSC action regarding recommendation No. 5 (Study, page 19), in particular.

This study, conducted by the IG(CI) Secretariat, addresses the pros and cons of establishing a centralized counterintelligence data base. The IG(CI) has concurred in the study's findings that a centralized data base is undesirable because of: (1) risks involving intelligence sources and methods; and (2) legal constraints on the kinds of information some agencies may collect, retain, and disseminate. The study also includes an assessment of current counterintelligence records systems; five constructive recommendations are presented for improving the quality, currency, and utility of existing systems community wide.

Upon NSC approval, the Senior Interagency Group (Intelligence) is prepared to follow up on the the study's recommendations.

Yours,

WJC

William J. Casey

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